

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/25/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6-12,14,15,17-19,21 and 23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant has amended claims 1, 5-10, 12, 16-18, 22-23 in the amendment filed on 4/25/2006. Claims 1-23 are pending in this Office Action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gero G. McClellan on 7/5/2006.

In the claim: Please replace claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14-15, 17 and 18 with amended claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14-15, 17 and 18 and canceled claims 2, 5, 13, 16, 20 and 22.

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1. (Currently amended) A method of providing programming assistance, comprising:

providing an integrated development environment configured to recommend optimizations of source code;

receiving a selected fragment of source code, wherein the source code fragment includes a source code statement that references a result of a structured query language statement (SQL);

retrieving the SQL statement corresponding to the source code statement;

presenting a user interacting with the integrated development environment with a recommendation for optimizing the retrieved SQL statement, relative to the source code statement, wherein the recommendation comprises one of a recommended SQL statement and a textual spoken language recommendation; and

prior to retrieving the corresponding SQL statement, determining whether the fragment of source code can be modified to be processed efficiently by substituting the corresponding SQL statement with the recommended SQL statement.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the corresponding SQL statement and the recommended SQL statement.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the recommended SQL statement performs at least one function performed by the fragment of source code.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to generating the recommended SQL statement, retrieving a database type for providing a proper syntax for the recommended SQL statement.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing a program which, when executed by a processor, performs an operation for providing programming assistance for an integrated development environment, the operation comprising:

receiving a selected fragment of source code, wherein the source code fragment includes a source code statement that references a result of a structured query language statement (SQL);

retrieving the SQL statement corresponding to the source code statement;

presenting a user interacting with the integrated development environment with a recommendation for optimizing the retrieved SQL statement, relative to the source code statement, wherein the recommendation comprises one of a recommended SQL statement and a textual spoken language recommendation; and

prior to retrieving the corresponding SQL statement, determining whether the fragment of source code can be modified to be processed efficiently by

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substituting the corresponding SQL statement with the recommended SQL statement.

14. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, further comprising displaying the recommendation.

15. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, further comprising displaying the corresponding SQL statement and the recommended SQL statement.

17. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the fragment of source code is configured to retrieve independent fields from a database.

18. (Currently amended) A computer for providing programming assistance, comprising:

a memory containing a programming assistance program for an integrated development environment to recommend optimizations of source code; and

a processor which, when executing the programming assistance program, performs an operation comprising:

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receiving a selected fragment of source code, wherein the source code fragment includes a source code statement that references a result of a structured query language statement (SQL);

retrieving the SQL statement corresponding to the source code statement;

presenting a user interacting with the integrated development environment with a recommendation for optimizing the retrieved SQL statement, relative to the source code statement, wherein the recommendation comprises one of a recommended SQL statement and a textual spoken language recommendation; and

prior to retrieving the corresponding SQL statement, determining whether the fragment of source code can be modified to be processed efficiently by substituting the corresponding SQL statement with the recommended SQL statement.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-15, 17-19, 21, and 23 are allowed.

The prior art of record, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of steps as recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 18 wherein “presenting a user interacting with the integrated development environment with a recommendation for optimizing the retrieved SQL statement, relative to the source code statement, wherein the recommendation comprises one of a recommended SQL statement and a textual spoken language recommendation;

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and prior to retrieving the corresponding SQL statement, determining whether the fragment of source code can be modified to be processed efficiently by substituting the corresponding SQL statement with the recommended SQL statement.

The dependent claims, bring definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

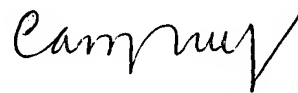
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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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